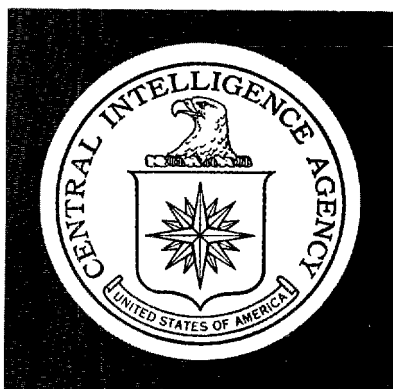


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Afghanistan-USSR: Moscow reportedly has agreed to provide SU-7 fighter-bombers to Afghanistan for the first time.

A contract for [redacted] SU-7 trainers was negotiated during a recent visit to Moscow by Afghanistan's defense minister, [redacted]

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Since the first Soviet-Afghan arms pact in 1956, Moscow has provided Kabul with almost \$350 million worth of military aid, including MIG jet fighters, transport aircraft, and SA-2 surface-to-air missiles as well as a wide variety of ground forces equipment. The Afghan armed forces are now almost completely equipped with Soviet materiel. [redacted]

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Cuba is preparing a "comprehensive" policy to discourage airplane hijackings. Foreign Minister Roa reportedly confirmed press reports that a preliminary agreement for a bilateral hijacking treaty has been reached with Mexico, and said that Cuba will soon issue a declaration which he implied might be used as the basis for other bilateral arrangements.

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[REDACTED] Cuba is not likely to agree to a meaningful agreement unless the US is willing to reciprocate either by returning "illegal" Cuban refugees or through some other major concession.

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